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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU ANNOUNCES NEW APPOINTMENTS IN THE SATELLITE AND POLICY DIVISIONS

David Strickland and Steven Spaeth Appointed to Management Positions

Washington, D.C. -- Today, the International Bureau announced two management appointments.

<u>Policy Division</u>. James Ball, Chief of the Bureau's Policy Division made the following announcement:

• David Strickland has been appointed Assistant Division Chief. In this role, Mr. Strickland will assist in executing the Division mission and managing its projects and staff. Mr. Strickland moves to the position after serving as a Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, providing legal and policy counsel on all Policy Division matters. Mr. Strickland started in the International Bureau in 2002, as an attorney in the Policy Division, where he worked on a variety of telecommunications and spectrum-related issues. Prior to the FCC, he was in private practice at Bryan Cave LLP. Mr. Strickland has a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.A. from the University of Virginia.

<u>Satellite Division</u>. Thomas Tycz, Chief of the Bureau's Satellite Division, made the following announcement:

• Steven Spaeth has been appointed Assistant Division Chief. In this role, Mr. Spaeth will assist in executing the Division mission and managing its projects. Mr. Spaeth has worked for the International Bureau since 1999. Most recently, he served as a Legal Advisor to the Bureau Chief, providing legal and policy counsel for all Satellite Division matters. Prior to that, Mr. Spaeth worked as an attorney in the Satellite Division, he helped reform the satellite licensing process and streamline the procedure for non-U.S.-licensed satellite operators seeking access to the U.S. market, as well as covered other satellite policy and licensing issues. Mr. Spaeth also served as attorney for nine years in the Common Carrier Bureau. He has a J.D. from Northwestern University Law School and a B.S. from Eastern Michigan University.

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